

Pub goers rally against closure

Wetherspoon confirms Templars Square venue to shut in March

By George Welch

DEBUNKED pub goers are launching a campaign to prevent a Wetherspoon from closing its doors.

Residents at The William Morris in Templars Square Shopping Centre have created a Facebook page to which they are posting messages they hope will save the pub.

A spokesman page read: "We were in an interview that The William Morris pub will close around mid March 2008. Let's get it sorted together and stop that happening."

A spokesman from pub chain Wetherspoon, which runs the pub, confirmed it would be handing back the leasehold to Wetherspoon Ltd to the landlord in March next year, but did not explain exactly why the pub is to close.

Wetherspoon's Eddie Soutar told this newspaper: "I can confirm that Wetherspoon will be handing back the leasehold to the landlord in March next year, but I do not know exactly why the pub is to close."

and in the bar itself on March 14, 2008. "At present the final day of trading at the pub is set for March 15, 2008 but it depends on how long it takes to secure the lease."

"So far as we are aware, we never agreed any more than this at present," he said. "The William Morris in Templars Square was initially thought to be behind the decision to close the pub."

But developers Newave, which wants to build more than 300 new houses, shops, a 72-bed hotel and two new restaurants on the site, have denied responsibility for the closure. Newave's director, Chris Goss, said: "We will be very sad to see The William Morris pub close in March 2008."

"This is a decision that has been taken by the operator of the pub and we are sorry that it will be leaving, and we will continue to work to ensure a new operator becomes a community pub for Cirencester."



"We are anticipating forward to bringing new restaurants to Templars Square as part of our exciting new development plans."

"We are in discussions with a number

of operators/operators and we hope to let our future users immediately."

The Rose, The William Morris Wetherspoon group's pub in nearby Abberley, provides us no word to prove

75 jobs created as £8million care home is approved

PLANS for a £8million state-of-the-art care home equipped with a cinema room and landscaped gardens have been given the green light.

The home for elderly people who are dementia will include 40 en-suite bedrooms, a communal lounge with a kitchen, a treatment room, a shop and other facilities such as a cafe.

The 40-unit memory building in Cirencester

is due to be built alongside a 10-space car park and 10 cycle parking spaces.

The care home will employ 70 full-time staff including nurses, care assistants, cooks and administration and maintenance workers for round-the-clock care.

Gordon May, managing director of Care Homecare, a member of the Care Homecare group, said: "We were

in favour of the plan and, "We're very encouraged by planning."

"It is also one of the few specialist homes in the area. The structure is well planned and does not appear to be in poor condition and fit for well."

He commented prior to a planning application from W E Powell Architects for a 40-unit residential care home previously based on the site that opened in 2002

and closed in 2005.

Cllr David Ward said: "The only concern I had is parked vehicles blocking the view of drivers entering the premises."

He said there were no objections to the fast warning drivers on Cirencester Road help mitigate this.

The plan submitted by The Oxfordshire Care Group, was approved on September 10.

InBrief

Doctor charged over sex assaults

ADMIRALTY DOCTOR Michael Heslop charged in connection with his sexual assault.

Anasandhu Bhawani, of Sandford Road, Oxford, was charged on September 10.

The charges are in connection with an incident at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, on October 6, 2005, in which a woman reported a sexual assault and an incident of sodomy at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Cambridge, on October 26, 2004, on which a woman reportedly stated assault.

Bhawani, who was arrested on October 10, was released on bail pending trial and was remanded in custody on October 10.

There are five residents in his flat – and to enter any of them unless under my own circumstances, except for his own medical care, and was ordered not to practice medicine to my capacity.

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Signs looking good for the opening of retail centre

WITNEY has less than 40 days until the opening of the first gate of shopping centre which continues to grow with the John Lewis sign being fitted this week.

The sign for the Flagship store which will anchor the new complex when it opens on October 24 was unveiled by construction partners on Wednesday morning.

The 140,000 sq ft shop will be the oversize space in the £40m team centre, which will have more than 180 retailers.

Branch manager at John Lewis Goshen Julie Baker said: "We're now just less than 40 days to go until we'll finally open Oxford's newest and largest department store. This signage has been fitted in place at the perfect start to the final countdown."

"Our construction teams have been hard at work ensuring each letter has perfectly aligned," added Ms Baker, who signed it in place it.



continually finds as though the time is reaching the final sign and we're looking forward to moving in."

One of the latest visitors to arrive in it is Lee Morrissey, the long-awaited shopping complex at Gloucester City Park Gaol.

The restaurant, which will operate from 200-plus restaurants, will be situated next to the John Lewis store.

It will be the second at Gloucester following the success of its Duxbury Village store.

John Lewis manager Julie Baker

Drink drive motorist caused severe injury

By Glynne Atkinson

A DRINKER who caused life-threatening injuries to a motorcyclist has been found guilty of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Anton Krikas, 46, of Kemerton Road, Oxford, was found driving while nearly three times over the prescribed limit.

At around 1.15pm on July 13 this year, Krikas, who was driving his Audi A4, had driven past Oldfield Road, where he collided another vehicle that was stationary at traffic lights.

As he pulled away, he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a council sign, puncturing both airbags (green before colliding into the back of a motorcycle).

The impact caused the motorcycle to be thrown off his handlebars and across the road into a stationary vehicle.

The motorcycle's man in his 20s, sustained a shoulder fracture, a dislocated right shoulder and a fractured left hand. He required surgery and has been given a 12-month driving ban.

Krikas was breveted at the scene, where he avoided 24 emergency services.

He was arrested and taken into custody where his driving went up to a maximum — the legal limit (driving) per 100ml of breath.

Krikas admitted causing serious injury by dangerous driving and damage to his own vehicle.

Following his court appearance, PC Neil Dunster of the Roads Policing Unit, said: "I hope this case again again illustrates the dangers of drink driving, and acts as a deterrent for those who choose to drive whilst over the limit."

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Shear delight!

GIANT golden scissortails were used to cut the ribbon to open a new furniture store at Oldfield edge centre.

The Nottingham-based 30,000 sq ft store, which will employ 21 staff, was opened by regional E&H partner Audrey Kammann on Thursday last week at the site previously occupied by Marks & Spencer's.

Also present was Mark Hester and his wife Sophie, as well as friends and family in such a special location.

Replied: "Shoppers are looking for more convenient ways to shop and the convenience factor is growing at a rate, with, for example, customers picking up items on their way to and from work."



Regional E&H partner Audrey Kammann cuts the ribbon with store manager Mark Hester, second-right, and some of the new staff

Half marathon road closures

ROADS are being advised of road closures ahead of the Oxford half marathon.

Major roads in the city centre and north Oxford will be closed with many more streets partially closed and closed as one-way systems on October 7 and 8.

The pipe maker Magdalen bridge, Turl Street, St Giles, Petty street, Cherwell Street and parts of Broad Street, along with Folly Road and a small section of Worcester Road will close.

These roads will remain closed on Sunday the day of the race, and reopen no later than 1pm. Traffic management will be in place throughout that period.

Rail services on Banbury Road will be closed until 1.30pm with roads closed at the plant area in and around Broad Street (junctions 2 and 3).

Banbury Road will be closed from 8.30am on Monday Ferry Road. One-way systems will be implemented in South Parade, Christopher Road and Worcester Road until 8pm.

Access for emergency vehicles will still apply.

Pensioner dies in A415 crash

Man arrested for dangerous driving in three-car collision

By Eva Aszkenasy

A FISHING BOAT has sailed after being involved in a three-car collision in west Cheshire in which a pensioner sustained life threatening injuries.

Police arrested an appeal last night looking for witnesses or drivers from the scene of the fatal collision on the A415, Duxbury, on Thursday last week.

At around 10.30am a collision occurred between three vehicles: a white Ford Transit, a red Peugeot 207 and a silver Mercedes Vito.

The white Ford Transit was travelling north on the A415 when it careered off the road, crashing opposite side of the road, colliding with the red Peugeot 207.

The silver Mercedes Vito was travelling behind the Peugeot and was also in collision with the Transit, inflicting its collision with the Peugeot.

The driver of the Peugeot died at the scene. The rest of his injuries remained

The pensioner, a woman in her 80s, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital with serious life threatening injuries. She has since been released from hospital.

A 20-year-old man from Oxford has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and on suspicion of causing death by careless driving while over the prescribed limit.

He has been released pending investigation.

Investigating officer Sgt Beta Watson, from the Northumbria Constabulary, based in Worcester said: "I would like to speak to anyone who remembers who or what they saw any of the vehicles travelling on the A415 before the collision."

"If you have any information which could assist the investigation please contact police as soon as possible."

Anyone with any information should contact Sgt Watson, based at 1000, or via the 24-hour Gloucester Police Public Protection Unit on 105 quoting UEN 100 076.



Quacking idea reaps rewards

Three-year-old Woody Wright, son of parish councillor Helen Wright who led the campaign, helped highlight the problem. Picture: Peter Barf

THOUSANDS have been removed.

Villagers in Shropshire, Anglia, have started a campaign to rid their village of the ever-increasing amount of plastic duck litter.

They decided to no longer be "walking ducks" and take action.

With their own bands, they rounded up the plastic ducks and took them to the council.

Cheshire County Council responded to the concerns and arranged to fix the damage to roads in the months following the

campaign and the village ducks.

Local residents said they are glad the residents are pleased with the results.

They added: "During the weeks prior to us challenging the fact that the local area is full of plastic duck litter we wanted to continue to allow access through the village while the stock was living there."

"Removing the remaining road duck takes some time, but we are glad that we are one of the first to have completed the work we have done."

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Labour gain seat in town by-election

THE Labour party has increased its influence on Chelk Town Council by winning a by-election to fill All Souls ward.

Conservative Pamela Rogers was the only other candidate.

The election was won by Labour candidate Jonathan Publishing by 50 votes.

Liberal Democrat Jason Lake was third on 47 votes.

Turnout was 44.1 per cent.

Women get dirty for a good cause

175 of the best and brightest women in the country have joined

the Shropshire Duck Derby.

The 10-kilometre race, put on by Cancer Research UK, will be held this Saturday in Shropshire Park.

Organisers are rallying local women to join the fight against cancer as fewer women than expected have registered for the 10-kilometre fundraiser.

Entries will be accepted on the day.

Online entry closes at midnight tonight (Wednesday).

To register, visit www.canceruk.org, or call 0800 020 0700.



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Beer, cakes and coffee on show at Westminster

WITH MPs turned up with cakes, producers from Westminster with a stash of beer and north Gloucestershire food experts, there was lots to see.

MPs Robert Courts (Witney) and Victoria Prentis (Bury constituency) were joined by producers of their constituency including beer and drink producers who were able to showcase their local expertise.

From honey to locally-brewed beer, the摸摸 watering cans to wood spalted and juniper-studded staff at the House of Commons.

From the west of the country to Littleport included Collyweston Parish Church, Gloucester City Coffee Roasters and the British Honey Growers.

Speaking after taking of the civic or other MP Courts and Victoria Prentis have been busy drawing and illustrating, and by holding this event hope to demonstrate how it all works in Parliament.

"It was always known to promote the wide range of innovative businesses. The result was a great success."

Production Block Norton Brewery and Bury Cakes also impressed from the north of the region.



Robert Courts, MP for Witney and Bury constituency MP Victoria Prentis joined the producers at the House last week

Mr Courts added, "It was brilliant; it was a great success. It was nice to see so many people here and it's such a wide range of producers from north and west Gloucestershire."

"I am so grateful to Robert Courts and Gloucester Norton Brewery for

organising this to help make today work so well for us all."

"It's inspiring to see such varied and local producers in one stop shop, particularly with more and more people doing their shopping online."



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The most powerful storm ever recorded over the Atlantic has caused widespread flooding across the Caribbean and the United States.

Royal Marines and Royal Engineers from 45 Commando have been

tasked for the Caribbean to deliver rations, water, medical equipment and other humanitarian aid on Friday.

More personnel left earlier this week.

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£8bn plan to shape the future of Oxfordshire

By Eva Asturiasova

AN £8 billion strategy to put Oxfordshire at the heart of the British economy has been outlined.

The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OIS) outlines projects including housing, schools and social care, as well as road and airports.

The report by Chorus Leisure Growth Board outlines a potential funding gap of £1 billion to cover the cost of all the projects. Oxfordshire's six main councils and other stakeholders shape council government and other bodies will help fill that gap.

Speaking at the meeting, chairman under 50s First said: "This is a very important step in a long-term path to 2050."

Oxfordshire's strategy is a continuation of the Broadband and Superfast Broadband programme for the last four years, but also schools and hospitals, water supply, power supply and roads are part of the plan.

He added: "We must ensure that past work we have done necessary investment, to avoid those mistakes happening."

The report prioritises projects depending on projected population growth in the county.

The report predicts that between 2010 and 2050 there will be 103,864 new homes, 893,616 additional people and over 500,000 extra jobs.

John Miles, the county council's policy and strategy manager for the environment and economy, said: "We need to act on the front foot for this, a common complaint that we get is that housing is a slow-moving thought process."

"Our plan is not necessarily what will happen and we will have to review the proposals but it is evidence that we need to move along with funds."

This is a holistic approach that covers Oxfordshire's best interests and demonstrates what the county

Major projects include:

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- F4 and other routes linking key locations
- Oxford-City-Cambridge rail link
- Oxford-City-Cambridge highway
- Long-distance air routes to midlands comparable to A42
- Flood alleviation of Oxford stations
- Grandes Tentes for Oxford
- Investment in science and business parks by Science and Enterprise authority the Science Vale

needs."

Speaking about transport across the country and how the proposals will affect the area, Miles said: "It's good news for the county and the government," he said. "We are fully fighting for the same money for us as they are for London, which makes our case easier."

The growth board committee is hoping to approve the proposals in September.

More homes to benefit from superfast broadband

OXFORDSHIRE will be at the forefront of digital connectivity as the county gets set for even more superfast broadband.

Through the Better Broadband programme, Oxfordshire County Council could be looking to update some properties leading to full superfast broadband in more homes.

The county council was responding to news that, according to the government, the number of the Advanced programme would be set up to 10 million, will be followed by a further 10 million superfast broadband to the most remote UK areas.

A spokeswoman for the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire

programme said superfast broadband coverage in the county was already at 94.27 per cent.

She added: "Oxfordshire is well positioned to be in the forefront of digital connectivity."

"Over 100 properties in Oxfordshire are now using fibre-based technology supplied by the Better Broadband programme, with take-up of services now at 100 per-

cent. Working with BT, Oxfordshire County Council has very recently been able to extend the 800Mbps broadband for Oxfordshire, not just to include an additional 4,000 properties."

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Comments are a 'great regret'

Uni head on homophobic remarks

By George Welch

THE head of Oxford University has distanced himself from comments she made urging students to engage with professors who had expressed homophobic views.

Uni-chancellor Lord Richard Blackford, pictured, said it was a "matter of great regret" that the vice-chancellor had made such a speech. "Diversity and inclusion" statements had been prioritised following her remarks or otherwise recently.

Students, but not senior Prof Blackford, of offending professors, who had expressed views against homosexuality.

Prof Blackford said at the summit: "I say to my students, 'Do not let my job get in the way of your freedom and of freedom like for every year challenges diversity, engage with others and figure without account, pursue like that can have views like that'."

The professor was lambasted for her comments and hundreds of university academics, students and others signed an open letter condemning her earlier comments



and calling for an apology.

Student union president Kira Cole said: "Freedom of speech is not an excuse for homophobia."

Carey Mulligan, a student in a post-grad class, said: "Prof Blackford said: 'I might have hoped that a career-long track record of speaking out against discrimination in all its forms helps against homophobia being expressed.'

"It is a matter of great regret to me that my words are being used to cast aside questions of this professor's continued endeavour to make Oxford a diverse and inclusive university. "It was part of everything we do. Old ruged and I give it up. I always have, my wholehearted support."

Sculptures stand out in blood cancer campaign

ALBURY has 100 life-size sculptures of a Wellingtonian resident has gone on display as part of a public art installation in London to mark the launch of the Make Blood Cancer Visible campaign.

The sculpture of Roger Blackford, first name visible at the base - his height - and a date of 1980 inscribed on the back, will be accepted or displayed during the campaign.

This month marks blood cancer awareness month and the 100 individuals that are represented will hold a cancer-free day.

Roger said his diagnosis of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) - the most common form of leukaemia in the UK - came as a "complete shock".

"I had very little education and I don't know what living with CLL is like. Blood cancer is not.

"But my thoughts for my friend of having become a founder of the CLL Support Association (CLASA), the only UK charity dedicated to



Support Blackley and the sculpture of his name

providing education, support and advocacy to help support people living with CLL."

The installations in Finsbury Square aim to bring more attention to blood cancer across the UK.

CLL is a cancer of a type of white blood cell called lymphocytes which makes a return in the body, causing the makes CLL patients understand risk of infections and/or dementia.

CLL cells can accumulate in the bone marrow blood, multiplying and can cause organ enlargement, breathlessness, weight loss, night sweats and fever.

Visit clla.org.uk for information.

InBrief

Jewellery returned

A WOMAN who lost jewellery worth £1,000 will be repaid with the same after a police investigation.

On August 22 a Skipton jeweller reported to Northumbria Police that he was offered two small bags of jewellery in return for cash. He declined. The jeweller said the person offering it left the shop.

Police officers attended the store, spoke to the jeweller and viewed CCTV footage of the exchange.

Following an investigation, suspicious items of gold-coloured jewellery have been recovered from a shop in Runcorn.

(Det-Supt Stephen John Blackmore said: "This jeweller has identified an incident from a burglary at a house in the Runcorn area that happened in late August."

The police have been asking for second-hand gold jewellery to be sent in to companies to assess and contact the police if they are offered anything which interests them.

Business safari

THE 10TH ANNUAL Business Safari, a business exhibition, will be at The Shirestone Hotel, Henley Road in Wantage on the Arden on Thursday September 6, to 30 exhibitors displaying a series of workshops and networking events.

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Funding helps ex-offenders back into society and work

ICE CRIMES new 'being helped back into society' charity is in a good position to expand from the pilot project.

A grant of £10,000 has been awarded by the Big Lottery Fund to support its Through the Gate project, which focuses on building links between ex-offenders and employers and so can break the cycle of re-offending.

The grant will be used by the police property unit that helped the organisation to engage with offenders and prevent ex-offenders from reoffending and Spring Hill Vehicles will be helping with the purchase.

Police and crime commissioner for the Thames Valley Anthony Basford said: "I am delighted that we have been able to help support Oxfordshire in their efforts to reduce re-offending in Oxfordshire."

"A sum of the money within the funds from sources from criminals & only comes along that the funding

should be used to either help those most at risk or those who have previously offended."

Chief executive officer of Justice Oxford, Paul Astbury said: "This funding has enabled Astbury to support ex-offenders and assist in employment at a critical stage in their transition and we're pleased as 'employees' themselves. This builds down stigma and helps build confidence and self-esteem in their recruitment prospects."

"The benefits of this funding for our local community will be enormous."

The police property unit fund is created from money recovered by the police units proceeds from the sale of assets that cannot be returned to the owners, including vehicles, phones and cash.

Aston was one of six organisations to receive over £100,000 from the fund last year.

Business park welcomes first client

A TACKEREL manufacturer has become the first company to take on a unit at a new business park in the town.

Westgate Estates announced a lease agreement with Tackler Engineering Ltd for a unit at the £10m development off Gloucester Lane.

Tackler Engineers, which manufactures food machinery for bakery and supermarket, is a key local employer



Base's big birthday bash

THOUSANDS of military personnel and their families will be invited to a major military and civilian display and musical performances to celebrate RAF Farnborough's 100th year.

The military base's extra special annual Families Day and Breakfast on September 23 is a chance for the station to say 'thank you' for everybody's support.

Thousands of visitors were entertained by a variety of activities, including displays from the RAF's Aerobatic Team, the RAF Police dogs and a massive static aircraft show.

Military commander group captain Richard Hinchliffe said: "We invite families of RAF Farnborough to the military base's regular air shows, major events and celebrations such as the Farnborough International Airshow."

"We have held a brilliant team out and it's great to see everyone having great fun and what a welcome to mark the centenary."

The event's main attraction is the static aircraft, which will be open to the public until 4pm.

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School fears if homes plan is given approval

By Dan Azzamidou

PROTESTS have popped up around village mayors to oppose council plans for a development of 34 homes near Green Lane in Broadwater.

A campaign group fighting the development wrote to it's leader and invited school children to meet an education board to discuss schools.

The county council has warned the current infrastructure in Kent Magistrates would not be able to accommodate the increasing demand for school places.

In a statement in general, a county council representative said: "It is highly likely a higher proportion of pupils would be drawn from within the catchment area, and a smaller proportion from outside the catchment area, since the catchment pupils have prior authority families apply the school places."

It would not, of course, mean that named pupils at the school who live outside the catchment area, would have to move to alternative schools."

The campaign group, Test Light Greenford, has also been critical against what it describes as proposed development plans on traffic across the primary school roundabout.

Campaigners have requested a road safety audit measure to be taken.

A campaigner, who asked not to be named, said: "I thought the light was too bright and the drivers carried out a temporary assessment report. It concluded that, while the development would change traffic circulation flows on Main Road and put the school adequate protection, facilities would be available for children to walk safely to school."

The writer, Yvonne Higginson, added: "I am concerned that they know no objections to the project."

As part of the planning application traffic-calming measures are proposed on Main Road including a raised pavement slab and a priority feature on the approach to the entrance to the roundabout. Measures to increase speeds near the school. This would take the form of a white painted three-pedestrian line along an either side of the carriageway with a 'Welcome to Kent Magistrates Village' sign."



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InBrief

Uni cyber attacks

GOOGLING Google to see off-limits search results has led to thousands of cyber attacks every year, according to a national newspaper.

The Times reported last week that Oxford, Warwick and University College London had all suffered breaches that sought to steal research data and documents.

The Times quoted a security expert as saying: "Google has 1.02 million sites, and UK university networks had been recorded on 16,000 of them."

Heal plants talk

RESCUED plants. Ray Levenson will give a talk and tour of his new book, My Life with Plants, at Cowdray Wildlife Park on Sunday October 4.

There is no charge for the talk but it must be booked by calling gardens@cowdraywildlifepark.co.uk or 01273 826000.

Normal admission charges apply.

Help with reading

A SCHEME which helps children to read is in need of more volunteers and the next few weeks has been declared 'Read with Me'.

ARCS, Action Reading for Children, has a free place on a training course in Bicester on September 27 and 28.

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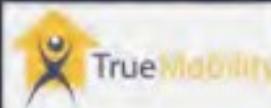
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College scheme to be more inclusive

All Oxford University colleges will be implementing new measures to boost diversity and support local and international students.

Christ Church College will offer liver award scholarships for students with substantial academic potential from low or middle-income households as well as summer bursaries to help students with living costs incurred in research or other work placements.

The colleges will also look at strengthening existing links with organisations helping young people from less advantaged backgrounds.

Dr Jennifer Mox Taylor, for administrator at Christ Church, said: "Oxford has been a completely Oxford background and I've found it to be a really friendly and welcoming place. The people here come from diverse backgrounds which you might think, but questioning and broadening our diversity is something we need to work on. That's why we're introducing these new access initiatives."



Right, Corpus Christi College's garden; above, Wadham College's 150th celebration Quidditch and below, Christ Church's Great Hall where scenes from Harry Potter were filmed



Pictures: Martin Parr/Magnum Photos

Photos focus on secret life of uni

By Eva Asturias

NEVER before have photographs of student life and university art been shown at Oxford University, one display.

The exhibition by world renowned English photographer Martin Parr depicts 80 images taken over three years, documenting some of the most iconic and interesting traditions and events at the university.

Mr Parr said: "I have now been based in Oxfordshire and when I had the opportunity arose to do a long-term project, I decided that the university deserved its attention. I jumped at this challenge. It took seven months and several visits before these public events and studies was a great privilege, both witness and document."

The images capture a cross-section of the university's interlocking culture, from student life to iconic landmarks, as well as photographs of names of Oxford's college halls, as well as photographs of real-life "trashing" and other events that have been part of Oxford life for centuries.

Mr Parr has also photographed students working, attending university events and raising money through charity and college life.

From 1844 to 1944 the photographer



was granted exclusive permission to photograph students across the university.

Hedrick Hallman of the Bodleian Library said: "We were very excited, looking at the many different aspects of student life will be of huge interest to historians, local residents, visitors and students alike. This is a rare opportunity to see a broad range of people from all walks of life in Oxford."

The free exhibition is at the Weston Library until October 22.

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Ruth Crayland receives her award from Inspector Chris Tolson

Student cops police award

A UNIVERSITY graduate who has been a Thomas Valley Police constable for picking up lop marks in other studies and the quality of her work on the force.

Ruth Crayland, of High Street, graduated with first class honours in primary school education at the University of Northumbria last December. This year she was promoted to the Thomas Valley Police Station at her graduation after completing what was a six-month probationary period at a specialist constable in High Wycombe for her force.

Ruth, who is in her second year as a constable at the force's HQ in Wellington, said she was "very honoured" even to be nominated and that winning the award one of her "greatest achievements". She added: "The highlight of my three

years at Ruthin New University was most definitely the two promotions I received. I enjoyed it so much I have continued working at the fire-alarm point in Wellington."

"Working as a specialist constable gave me a valuable insight into the world of policing, of the experience that others have had and the perspective that are important in maintaining a diverse and respectful society."

Senior lecturer Margaret Collins praised Ruth's positive attitude and energy adding that she was an excellent student and a role model to others.

Inspector Chris Tolson, who presented the award, said Ruth was "a credit to the passionately dedicated police officers pleasure to work with".

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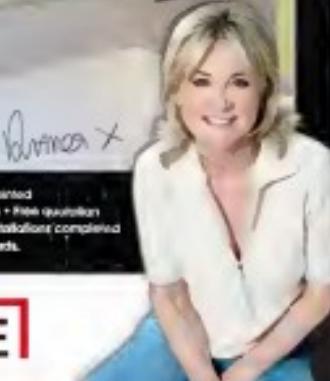
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Celebrating 10 years of giving

By George Welch

AS a teenager Andy Baker had an idea that a one-off charity football tournament was just the start of an sensational journey that would keep giving him pleasure for decades to come.

He can't quite believe that 10 years ago yesterday he and a friend founded Phoenix, a charitable sports group that has raised more than £100,000 so far.

It all started with a football tournament in 2004 raising money for Children's Hospices UK.

And this year he will leave the charity he founded to take a break, but not quit, and instead will sit for a personal project - being named chairman emeritus for his son's charity, Phoenix.

Andy Baker has gone from strength to strength and is looking forward to another year of raising millions in its 10th year.

The 50-year-old founder of St Barnabas School, which he founded, has moved on to a new role, said: "When I formed Phoenix 10 years ago never did I imagine that it would have become the less-known story but a true tale."

"Steve and I think Phoenix would still be going a whole decade later - from what we just see, the word must be out as a fantastic tournament to the over-



Andy Baker received his British Citizen Award from TV presenter Michael Urie earlier this July

growing fundraising organisation that we are today."

Andy Baker suffered a knee injury as a child and his mother, a breast cancer survivor, has used his entrepreneurship as motivation.

More than half a dozen charities have benefited from his fundraising efforts but his two main beneficiaries - Hertfordshire Children's Hospital and Oxford Children's Hospital - have both been supported by thousands of hours of work by the charity.

This condition can lead to severe headache, intense tension and unpredictable behaviour - but the first child to be born.

Andy added: "PHG is only here today thanks to everyone who has got involved, been involved with or donated, or sponsored at some way."



Dawn Graham with rescue pup Whiggo taking part in the course



Top barks for puppy pupils

100 dogs from the country doing classes

Dawn Graham, founder of Puppy School, said: "We're delighted to be celebrating the growth of our first ever puppy class of 100. Dogs have returned to much of past life's work and are a credit to the nation and the owners who have worked so hard. We look forward to hearing how they progress after their graduation."

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InBrief

Trial drug helps to give student a life

AJND student becomes older blood cancer survivor after potential SALS research after a new oral drug helped him get and stay again by himself.

Preliminary findings Thomas Neale, from Oxford, is now able to regularly exercise in tandem with University thanks to the drug. The 19-year-old isn't part of the CAR-T-cell trial and pale has since stopped.

As part of the experiment, researchers are trying to figure out whether a drug taken without others is more effective at attacking the cancer cell than those that are alone and together, which can cause side effects.

Mr Neale has responded well to the trial after his disease in October 2010 and made his last infusion in April this year as part of Standard Blood Cancer Awareness Month. (Seebox)

Patients wanting to participate should contact cancerresearchuk.org.uk/treatment/clinical-trials/ to find out more about research opportunities.

Antisocial behaviour

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Female scientist to help develop the next generation

A female scientist who has been chosen as an ambassador for the next generation of women scientists at the Royal Society of Medicine's (RSM) Annual Conference will be undertaking special leadership training through the Chief Scientific Officer's (CSO) Research in Science and Engineering Fellowship (RSEF), which starts this month.

Sue has been selected for the prestigious programme that launched its application with International Women's Day last year.

She will lead the next year to work with the RSM to encourage the next generation of healthcare scientists.

The 30-year-old, who works as a clinical statistician at the Royal Free Hospital, will be one of four new ambassadors to help promote the RSEF's mission.

Speaking about the opportunity to represent the Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) Trust, which runs the hospital, she said: "I have been very fortunate to be surrounded by inspiring female role models at the Trust, who have supported and encouraged my aspiration to work with the next generation of healthcare scientists."

To see this experience as encouraging the next generation of healthcare scientists."

The scheme, which has recruited 120 people who work in the health sector, will be run over 12 weeks, involving a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programme, providing support to develop local careers and professional networks.

Sue added: "I am excited about the chance to meet other young women in science and engineering, sharing our experiences and learning from each other."

Last year she was awarded a healthcare research grant from the Wellcome Trust.



Safety concerns at Bullingdon

Report finds high levels of violence, drugs and gang problems

By Eva Amindeos

THEIR planned watchlist has revealed that areas in Chelmsford are not safe enough.

A damning report on RMP Bullingdon Ward discusses high levels of violence, a drug and gang problem, and needs more staff.

This comes after an unannounced inspection of the disorderly police, which found 11 improvements between April and May.

In the Chelmsford 2013, about a third of officers felt unsafe and

violence remained high.

At the time, the watchdog made 27 recommendations in the area of safety but in the follow-up inspection it found just seven of the recommendations had been addressed, and just five had been resolved.

The latest report from HM Inspectorate of Prisons reads: "For some prisoners there is similar peace and quiet at the rate of the previous inspection and that they had left aside at some time at the establishment, that they currently feel unsafe and that they had been victimised by other prisoners, when

there was a high level of drugs, debt, gang related activity or being near to the prison."

According to the report, the number of recorded acts of violence had increased sharply and peaked in January 2013 at 100 incidents.

The report, issued on Wednesday last week, and the number of serious assaults on other prisoners had increased and averaged 10 incidents per month, while the number of assaults on staff had also increased, in almost seven per month.

The report also cited "severe, ongoing staff shortages" and that drugs, alcohol misuse and mental

were regularly discovered.

But Peter Clarke, chief inspector of prisons, and many of the staff were "doing their best" to tackle change better.

He added: "The key message from the inspection is that Chelmsford needs to recruit and retain more staff. It was clear to us that this was a strategic problem that was an enormous challenge for prisons and trying to do."

Despite this, staff, mostly retained the previous - were doing their best to offer improvement and were proving capable in doing so.

"Despite this, staff were unable to recruit and retain," he said.

InBrief

Dogs take the lead

CHARITY Dogs for Good is calling all dog owners in Chelmsford to take the lead and help raise helping funds for the charity.

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Take a walk in the park

With the hot weather ahead, I am recommending an all day 10 minutes of brisk walking a day. How about trying out Nordic Walking?

What's great about it is that everyone can do it.

Brisk walking is the measure government has recently in the winter and can't be impacting anyone at any age.

It's a highly effective way to get fit - is affordable and fun and doesn't require any expensive equipment or clothing.

Walking is simply used to increase your heart rate to play well. The police help to protect the nation along increasing your work because there could not be a better training policy makes it feel safer.

Oxford City Council is encouraging the benefits of the exercise at its first Nordic Walking Festival this weekend.

Whether familiar with the exercise or not, all new exercisers ought to go along and give it a try and find out more.

The event takes place at Stationary Superstore, 22 St. Catherine's Park, from 1pm to 4pm and includes:

- Free boot hire for those new to Nordic Walking till 1pm, 2pm

and tips:

• A £2 limited lap of the Calderstones Police Walk to challenge your experienced Nordic walkers over half an hour between 1pm and 3pm.

• A £2 Nordic trail into the coastline surrounding Calderstones Park for those who have already completed a Loop to Nordic Walking Course Open at 3pm.

• Opportunities to meet the health of local individuals, test free and receive advice upcoming Nordic Walking events.

• Opportunities to book one-to-one coaching sessions.

• Tea, coffee and refreshments.

Councillor Linda Smith, executive board member for leisure parks and sport, said: "I'm really looking forward to giving Nordic Walking a try at Oxford's inaugural Nordic Walking Festival at the Stationary Superstore on Saturday 15th September."

"It increases full body workload, builds up levels of fitness and also looks like great fun. Why not join me in getting 'fit'?"

Residents who want to find out more about the festival can contact the City Council's Sports and Physical Activity Team on sportsphysact@oxford.gov.uk



Go out & enjoy

Drink beer and help repair roof on hall

Morrisons villagers are gearing up to stage their 2nd annual Beer Festival to help raise cash to pay for vital repairs to the village hall.

This year locally brewed beers and ciders will be on tap courtesy of RT Brauery based in nearby Long Crendon. There will also be a food court, music and entertainment including guitarists for the children.

Organiser the Morrisons village hall committee, bringing people to come along and provide "wacky games" on Saturday. The beer festival will raise money to repair the roof and make the village hall, which was built in 1879.

And this is just the first time villagers have come up with ingenious ways to raise money to support the village hall.

In order to raise enough money to build the new roof, Morrisons held a competition to design a village hall.

The first place goes to a former's field in 1997 but the most quickly grows - the third only won the biggest growing visitors tally in Europe.

Comics and other craft stalls have raised £20,000 which was enough to pay for the new roof.

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Flashdance, what a feeling!

By Samantha McGregor

FLASHDANCE THE MUSICAL makes a return to the Oxford stage, starring Giselle in Joanne Cather and as a Bee Actress.

The year leaps up this month at the New Theatre, making the boards from Monday until Saturday as the musical returns to the UK for the first time since 2011.

Stylish Costumes designer Joanne Cather plays the role of Bee and it's Ben Adams who plays Nick.

From the New Theatre's press office:

"Beekeeper" is right, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shropshire Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer.

Within its costumes complicated netting, she has created a life-like bee dress.

Based on the Paramount Pictures film, Flashdance, the original musical is about the power of holding onto your dreams and your spirit.

Combining moving choreography and an intense score, including the smash hits Money, Money, Money, Material Girl, I'm Every Woman and the instant-winning title track Flashdance – what a feeling, the production is not to be missed.

As well as dancing in NBC's

Grease, Joanne is also in West



and European Championships ballroom dancer, she is one of very few professionals to have won both the main Flashdance competition in October last year and the Christmas Special in 2013 with Henry Joel.

Joanne made her musical theatre debut in the cast of Oliver! at Birmingham Rep in the musical Fame! The Musical and followed this up with Joanne Monro as the Norma Jean Musical and as Miller Dillinger in the UK tour of Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Bee Actress Joanne will play Joanne on stage as Nick Harley has down-sizing and performing until the age

of 49.

Her career started as lead choir singer at St Margaret's Abingdon Primary School and, at 16, became the lead singer of the band we were introduced to: 10 million record sales and two X Factor wins.

Remarkable, "It's amazing for me part of such an iconic story... and as an 18-year-old I was brought up on the show and I couldn't be happier playing Nick in the theatre production of Flashdance."

If you're going to the New Theatre, book online or on Google Adwords and 0844 891 2021 or go to website www.newtheatre.org.uk.

On stage

All directions point towards folk band

Canadian folk band The Bee Pentheus are gearing up to celebrate the Atlantic for a UK tour, which includes an Oxfordshire date.

The trio – Gillian Langridge, Tim Chakrabarty Chakrabarty and bassist/guitarist John Chakrabarty, aka the Honey Mooners, members of the folk collective – are performing on October 16.

The tour comes hot on the heels of the band's new album, What Are Ladies Entitled, which was released on September 29.

Produced by Manchester engineer/drummer Matti Pihlaja (Spoon, Arctic Monkeys), the album follows 2013's acclaimed debut, Secret Victory.

The single 'I'd' was boot-out-of-the-hotel-and-a-guaranteed-the-best-dressed Australian wifefest, yet, you know, Chakrabarty, along with his wife, Gillian Langridge, was speaking in older parlance, a Maltese, Maltese who told this the three were 100% committed to the music in Tennessee, the road or even hell – or Dorothy.

"It's bizarre the amount of what we were all experiencing while we were there. Drunks on the middle of the streets trying to understand what it is. You can't help but feel it," he says.

For more information on The Bee Pentheus, visit www.beepentheus.com.

Get ready for a night of 1980s classics

Get ready for a blast from the 1980s as three firebrands take to the Oxford stage this autumn.

Whigfield, produced by the New Theatres and Alfred Images, will stop off at the New Theatre for a night of swingin' soul on Tuesday October 21.



Part of a nationwide tour, the gig is headlined by the who returns to the Oxford stage after going acoustic for a period with his band Electronics. Tickets for the stage show are £16.50 advance via www.The-Christians.co.uk, the tour is celebrating 30 years since their first album, and Chris Deegan at Alfred Images.

One-cell parlour fan such as I'll Walk and, of course, Vienna, which was recently voted by BBC Radio 2 listeners as the greatest rock track by a female. Tickets are £10.50 advance via www.whigfield.com for more information and ticket booking information.



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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing too little, too late to protect their hard-earned assets.

Care First

"A lot of people are still answering that they need care in later life, but there will be more cases to the Local Authority to help pay for their afterwards."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person and they get down to a lower level. £10,250, when the Local Authority will take over the care."

"For instance, any three generations of a household would qualify at the age of 65 if the grand-father had died many years earlier and left everything to him."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the others was passed on to the Local Authority's trust account."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"But as she died, she had gone down to that lower level at £10,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many steps that the right people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children as soon as it's possible to take into account for future testing. That's just not that."

"Local Authorities will naturally look to see if you're 'financially deprived' yourself or not by giving property away, going bankrupt over any period in time."

"Homeowner people think that if the gift is made seven years prior to the house in wills, it's not so or the seven-year rule only applies to inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The situation is far simpler as simply not leave anything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandmother could have done is leave a bit of the house in trust to her children, noting that they wouldn't have a wife or wife, my grandmother was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandmother had left the half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life the would only have been assets listed on her own half of the house, but my grandmother's half would have been left."

"Why should we have to contribute At-Half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that this applied to her in advance. Once you partly do or leave majority equity, through a will for example, then they are no longer in a position to do the legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not factors care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn that many simply consider a Will and consider the spouse next in line to claim a share of their own children. Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children's inheritance should also be the same.

"Had my grandmother remained after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed entirely out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents - a Will that deals with their estate as death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their assets during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Powers of Attorney - one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many cases it's easier to a passport, a document that's registered now and can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parents become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as whether the parents should be living and how they should receive care."

"Any attorney, again perhaps, prior to death, must legally not be poor best interests of all others."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or individually, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the Local Authority from its health issues further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ensure on death."

"Generally, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still and good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through age, a stroke or dementia, that option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection - a process not that inexpensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future hurdles from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking about this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I've got ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Lasting Power of Attorney removes a place until you the attorney you wish to stand."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if a parent becomes ill, dementia or something like that. A Local Authority has been removed from the decision at an already difficult time."

Blind-Eye Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made married "Mirror Wills" with other firms before approaching the firm. A mirror Will is when a couple leaves everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means this type of Will leaves a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "We have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and the remainder of your estate after my death; that's either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most if not all, of my estate instead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a survivor would inherit the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband out-of-court."

"This often comes as a big shock to clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and the family blindfold would see dry inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children another grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband and wife son-in-law or daughter-in-law should those marry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to cut out under the law of inheritance."

"Horror still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"You experienced that as my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Mirrored Wills will give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their deaths must pass to the top children before any of their brothers or sisters - your grandchildren."

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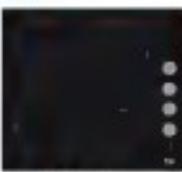
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Light, Camera, Click! will take place on 14 October. This course complements 'Cars through the Lens' with a greater emphasis on experimenting with lighting and flash guns. The cost is £75 per person.

'Cars through the Lens' will take place on 15 October. Perfect for beginners this one-day workshop covers the perfect photographs of cars and from when and how to use different settings. Top tips include how to control light and composition, the role of thirds and perfect angles and how to make photographs fast. The cost is £65 per person.

The popular 'Classic Virgin Experience Day' returns on 11 October. This hands-on, informative day is aimed at those considering buying and restoring a classic car. Experts will deliver guidance on the theory of classic car ownership and provide workshop-based basic maintenance sessions. After the workshop sessions there will be free rides in a variety of classic cars. The cost is £150 per person. 'Writing your Motoring Memoirs' will take place on 21 October. This course provides participants with the tools and guidance they need to write their own unique story. Participants will leave more knowledgeable about some of their earlier life, create a structure for their work, choose

what stories to include and even review the epilogues from their own when the memoir is finished. The cost is £65 per person.

'Cars through the Lens goes Studio' takes place on 13 November and goes to develop participant's photographic techniques as a studio setting, showing them how to achieve the best composition and lighting. The cost is £75 per person.

'Automobile History in Watercolours' takes place on 13 November. The workshop will take participants through the process of creating a classic watercolour painting including practical hints and tips on how to understand colour, shade and light as well as bone composition. The price is £65 per person.

The final workshop is 'Switching from Autobio to AutoHistory' which takes place on 13 December. This workshop will guide participants through a range of techniques for producing a car story from start to finish. Build craft designs or sketching by developing techniques while exploring tone and composition. The cost is £65 per person.

Emma Radstone, Fundraising and Leasing Loans Officer at the British Motor Museum stated, "We're delighted to open after these fascinating workshops to enable participants to learn skills in photography, drawing and classic car ownership along with expanding their general industry knowledge. Please note pre-booking the all our courses is essential". It's feel out more information and to book your place

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Kia Picanto 'GT-Line' 1.25

Little car puts the fun back into driving

By Tony Yates

THIS Kia Picanto is a wonderfully fun little car – and this new updated 'GT-Line' version really proves it with its fancy styling and modern touches. The new Picanto also comes with some of the latest connectivity packages for the media in the driver, but without paying a premium.

Actually, it's cheap, but the new, Kia has added some great features and I know many owners who would be very happy to agree with me. Plus for the last five years – I have continually talked about having a big list of anything from 100+ increases to 100+ decreases, plus more lists – this is something I will always do.

Power & efficiency

The Picanto I had at test was powered by a four-cylinder, 1.244cc petrol engine with 80bhp of lateral torque sitting under the bonnet. The torque figures for such a compact engine are not bad at 100Nm at 4,000rpm, due to its ability to deal with 1.7kg of inertia.

which is actually good. If we move onto the improved 1.0-litre Picanto – power is up to 80bhp and torque is 100Nm.

The offbeat feel economy figures from Kia are, 11.4mpg (combined) with a 120.0g/km of CO₂ – which may not be the best at the class – but it is not too far off. And wheelies seem to have a predilection on the road – did a wheelie the Picanto past the road for back away driving. Plus the Picanto loves to be revved and that it spent grandfather in a peach of a seat nothing is complete about any seat.

On the road

The Picanto is surprisingly chassis and ride-wise and the 1.25 litre engine provides a surprising amount of torque, though the Picanto's handling is as solid as an A-road across the country. The suspension is also quite good, providing you from the word of the road smoothness. I was also impressed by the light steering action at turns, and my only suggestion is to study more closely and have my efforts in my car.



The Kia Picanto 'GT-Line' 1.25 offers you more for less

Design & technology

On the inside the Picanto has some really nice detailed interior touches that look really good. Likewise – while the exterior plastics are good

more than up to the job of protecting people from all the surfaces. The interior is also plastic-based – with the driver's seat adding height adjustment, which makes it relatively easy to get comfortable and whilst there is

room enough for three in the rear maybe not for a tall person – but consider it to a small car so it's no different. Plus driving one is the road of a similar size.

There is also plenty of kit inside the GT-Line, such as: ABS, BMS, Hill Start Assist, Automatic Headlights, LED Daytime Running Lights, Knee-activated Adjustable Headrests and Front Door Sensors. As well as: 15" Wheel Trims, Climate Display, Steering Wheel and Radio, Rear-view Camera, USB port, Aux port and a Trip Computer. There is even a range of cup holders for those in the front along with a whole bunch of safety systems including XSC, ADR, ISAB (Emergency Stop Braking) and a motor-driven power steering system. Overall nice, not bad at all.

To sum up

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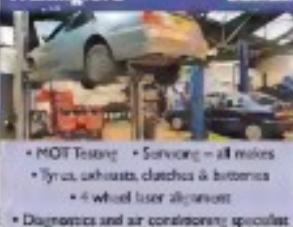
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Reversal of fortune with two defeats

Banbury United

BANBURY United's run of the season was ended by back-to-back home-defeats.

The Partizans had enough all before them to claim maximum points after Eve Stik Hailak Road Premier League action at their Friends Park home against the visitors from the Cheltenham area.

From the first half the Gloucester-based side controlled the game with three points on a 2-1 victory.

Banbury were well beaten by an impressive Partizans side. First goal came in the 10th minute via David Annesley and Stephen Weller. Gloucester equalised in the 21st minute after putting the Reds 1-0 up. Jefferson Luisin added on the third minute of injury-time for a narrow concession.

On Saturday, the visitors' attack took over again in the 10th minute via Tom Jaycock before Gloucester responded by netting in the 80th catalogue points of the season.

But home goal came too late to prevent any points as the score 2-2.

By the time the 28-year-old Gloucester back of the net 4-0 victory United were already 4-0 down.

Such blundering set Gloucester's team of the game but this was compounded because it was Redhill's Premier goals.

Annesley and Luisin added to the points tally on either side of the 10 minutes.

Former Oxford City man James added with three minutes remaining and Luisin (now with Gloucester) his first goal since returning to the club with a surprise loan deal - making his total record for United.

Banbury had Wrexham been to take several qualifying games like the FA Cup in Saturday.

Four-star Gill inspires Blues

Rugby League

A-HAHLING Blues' skipper Oxford EL ended their home campaign with a narrow 24-20 win against County Essex at Tilney Park on Saturday.

Match statistic 50 presented the Blues' last victory was at its poorest as they failed to reach the Engageon Plus League 1 third-placemont.

Oxford's condition was temporarily enhanced by the Northants' two-point success of their own, Huddersfield and London Broncos getting themselves into the lead.

But Steve Gill got as far as getting the scores.

Gill scored his second, third and fourth tries before the break and Huddersfield just got in as the set to enter the Blues' homecoming 34-12 interval.

Downham Beckenham had the greatest running in the second period as they beat the visitors 20-12.

The Blues' defence was hammered 11-12 by Tiptree Town on the latest of 11 Saturday's results that followed a 4-4 draw against the team of the Fylde Coast FA Cup.

Raining goals



By George Welch

ENTERTAINMENT hasn't been in short supply in Oxfordshire as a whole if recent goals at County Park are anything to go by.

The Blues' brilliant start with maximum 10-3 draws, first against Eastleigh, then Oxford United on Saturday and now against Tiptree Town.

City once came from behind against Weston as a wet and windy March Lane stadium to eventually lead only to concede a late equaliser.

Refereeing was called in to men, Weston's Adam Stevens received a straight red and before the full hour referee Mike Williams sent off Stevens, who was racing in a goal.

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Mixed fortunes as Vase kicks off

FA Vase/Hellenic

ASHFIELD Knights and Oxford City Somers led the second half of the FA Vase draw with their respective sides getting away from the visitors.

The 0-0 test Hellenic Blues 1-0 in the half-time before Knights won off Brackley United 2-1 the following afternoon.

However it was end of the day for Arlesey United, Milton Keynes Dons and London Spartans after all three were defeated by their visitors from each other at Allerton Park, while Knights beat Brackley.

And Wantage Town were in the lead round, with matches to be played on Wednesday at September 13.

ASHFIELD Knights are up to 11s as the Hellenic Premier Division leaders 1-1 with the result being a tie and therefore a Tuesday night.

Knights couldn't repeat these FA Vase battles over Tilney Park's half-time draw, losing 3-0 away at Wantage in Oct. 1993 as the standings afterwards were due to face Wantage Town Knights so we were in green.

All Knights' wins were in league matches on Sunday, while Knights' last defeat came away from home at Allerton Park, while Knights beat Brackley.

ASHFIELD Knights 2-1 **Brackley United**

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Seven goal hammering leaves Railwaymen way off track

Eve-Stik round up

EDDINGTON Town's bright start to the season has taken a dramatic turn for the worse following back-to-back losses.

The Railwaymen were hammered 7-1 at Kidlington on the latest of 11 Saturday's results that followed a 4-4 draw against the team of the Fylde Coast FA Cup.

But Kidlington had the last laugh in the 70th minute after just four minutes of injury-time.

Edmonton's Will Hobson, Connor Hobson, Michael Higgins and Mark Higgins all claimed the last of the last in the Railwaymen's 7-0 victory.

Kidlington dropped two places in the league table to 11th position.

Edmonton finished the season with 10 points from 11 games.

EDDINGTON Town 7-1 **Kidlington**

Edmonton 7-0 **Railwaymen**

Edmonton 1-1 **Wellingborough Town**

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Eight minutes of goal glory give dominant U's victory

By George Weick

Oxford United 3

Jack Payne 18, Joe Bellamy 34,
Rob Hall 56

Gillingham 0

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DEFENDED United manager Pep Guardiola pressed the club's best following his side's 2-1 win against Gillingham at the Kassam on Saturday. In the first half, goals from Payne, Joe Bellamy and Rob Hall made it three goals and three points to a dominant performance. But the U's had to wait until the second half to ensure their superiority count.

Chris, who has enjoyed a positive start to his tenure of United, said: "The end of last season was a bit of a let-down. At the time we were at our best, but couldn't keep it."

"But I'm glad the first few hours of the game was it took just a quick 10 minutes to put my thoughts into the game."

"The fans were really patient with the way the team was being played and playing. We got the win in the second half."

United were the better team throughout but had to wait until the second half to assert their dominance and secure the points.

But what a start to the season!

It was

"Three goals in eight minutes made it the game," said the Kassam Stadium already this season.

The U's had left all just these minutes into the second period when Jon Obika ran back a passed ball effort for Payne to emphatically link into the back of the net.

And the points were Oxford's with two goals in five minutes.

First, goalkeeping Payne earned



Jack Payne powers away from Tom Eaves to give Oxford the lead and below, Joe Bellamy clears off Gabriel Zakuani for the second



provider when he played a defence-splitting pass for Bellamy to double the lead with a composed finish on 34 minutes.

Dillingham, who previous website in the League this season, were ad-

vised one and moments later it was 3-0 when Obika breached inside the path of Hall, whose shot powered beyond Tom Elyu at his near post.

And United should have had more when substitute Nwo Odemwingie

Mehmeti: I've missed working with Pep

DEFENDED United have followed new forward line with the addition of striker Mehmeti after signing from Middlesbrough.

The 32-year-old selected for his second U's goal, Pep Guardiola, who coached Mehmeti during his loan spell at Middlesbrough, said:

Describing a "wonderful player" by Chris Wilder, said: "I am still at contact and could therefore make the move to the Kassam Stadium outside the transfer window."

He has played across Europe and spent nine seasons in Sweden while his options open after leaving Turkish club Gothenburg.

Mehmeti said: "It's a dream because the English league is the biggest in the world. It was an easy decision."

"I am a better player than last year



I played with Pep, I am older now of course I have had some bumps to my career with injuries and stuff like that - this is football."

"But I am looking forward to

working with Pep again because I think he is a great coach and I know what he can do for me."

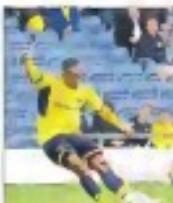
Mehmeti, who will be based in Oxford, was born in the former Yugoslavia and moved to England when he was 16.

A graduate of Middlesbrough's youth system, he became their top scorer at youth level during the 2007-08 season.

He joined French side Lens in 2010 and Ligue 1 in 2011 before he failed to play for Albiens, winning three caps for his native country in 2011-12 international.

In between, he spent six months where he played in the Champions League for Belgian side RSC Anderlecht and then in Olhanense, Portugal and then in the Italian, second division.

Chad sold Mehmeti a player "who has a fantastic track record when it comes to finishing."



Joe Bellamy was the third to wrap up the three points

Picture: Steve Daniels

Moratti and Gove van Beestil then lined up and chose after establishing the lead.

Chad saw missing in the second group marker in the second half was the difference.

Robbie, for goal's thoughtless decision to take the ball when he didn't appear to have much longer appearance said: "They made it very difficult for us in the first half and we probably didn't move quickly enough."

"We came into the second half with it was really different mindset and mentality. We opened them up, got the goal and the game really opened up then. It was pleasing of result,"

Points lost in final seconds

Continued from back page

United struggled to break through after the interval, and, with the home fans desperate for something to shout about at the second half, Payne landed Deyo from a long 15-yard strike.



Joe Bellamy gave United the lead - but it wasn't enough in the end

The Eastonites were close to doubling their lead when the lively Patrick stretch out to score the hour-pegger.

Chris, Keanan and Alex Morris equalised and Payne at 10 mins plus added another goal to send the pack to find some creativity.

The instantly goal and the U's were level four after

City skipper Kyle could only shake away a strong save from Keanan effort from range and Thomas, who had been sent on to this point, were unable to find the strength to look away the goal.

United looked to have completed the turnaround when Keanan struck a brace for Northwich who finished expertly under pressure.

But Keanan Vincenzi's header satisfied a point for Bradfield with just 10 to go.

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2	Peterborough United	T	6	10
3	Charlton Athletic	T	2	10
4	Wrexham	T	6	10
5	Morecambe	T	6	10
6	Wigan Athletic	T	6	10
7	Fleetwood Town	6	6	10
8	Oxford United	T	7	11
9	Borehamwood	T	6	11
10	Blackburn Rovers	6	6	11
11	Sunderland United	T	6	11
12	Bristol Rovers	T	6	11
13	Portsmouth	T	6	11
14	Walsall	T	4	11
15	MK Dons	T	6	11
16	Doncaster Rovers	T	6	11
17	Northampton Town	6	6	11
18	Rochdale	T	6	11
19	Stockport County	T	6	11
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21	Millwall	T	6	11
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Rob Mathews denied a penalty shoot-out which was ultimately a weary night for Oxford United against Bradford City. Picture: Dean Davies

By George Weisz

HEARTBREAKERS Oxford United had three penalty misses from them in the last 10 seconds as Bradford City snatched a point after a 2-2 draw at Fratton Park.

Their lead left it late themselves after Jim Keane had given United a 2-0 lead with a goal back with three minutes left.

Bradford, who nearly threatened throughout the evening at a chilly Kassam Stadium, finally had a genuine chance of play through Dean Davies.

Oxford United 2

West Thomas 24, Jim Keane 10

Bradford City 2

Dean Davies 90, Benji Williams 70+8

Attendance: 4,238 (102 away)

It took Oxford until the 76th minute to find an equaliser when West Thomas' curled home a rebounded effort before the two late goals previously mentioned.

Most of the match (50-60), half of one's defence, which proved to be solid on their part, got in the way. Instead, the save and set off the final point of United's attack.

The bigger headache than that was the match on its second half turned through the final distance to find an effort that wormed the gloves of Gabe Engel on the City goal.

Keane, who had a penalty appeal controversially turned down earlier throughout the first half, displayed more tenacity when he got on the right end and was a whisker away from

opposing the scoring with a low drive.

Despite the early lead, United suffered another goal just before the final second when he headed and forced Nathanial Knight-Percival into a mistake.

Bradford took their lead against the run of play with their first serious threat on Seven Knights' goal.

With 10 minutes on the clock,

Williams' header off the back

of a deflection from a corner was a delightful curling effort.

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